**Governing Board Meeting Minutes:**

**July 25, 2019**

Nell Shehee reported that LSEM had over 8,997 visitors since the April 14, 2019 Board meeting**.**

Nell Shehee asked for a roll call: Members present; Bill Altimus, Emile Cordaro, Margaret Green, Ken Hickman, Richard LeBlanc, Nell Shehee, and Jack Sibley. Proxies from Betty Black, and Rocky Rockett. Museum staff present: Nita Cole, Curator and Cindy Grogan, PIO and Recorder. Guests were present Lorine Burrell, Vice Chair of the Friends and new hire, Robert Adams, Administrative Program Manager II.

Nell Shehee asked for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Bill Altimus made the motion, 2nd by Jack Sibley.

Members should have received an email copy of the minutes from the April meeting. She asked if there were any corrections/additions. Jack Sibley made a motion to approve the minutes, 2nd by Richard LeBlanc. Minutes were accepted.

**Accession and Deaccession** no report.

**Building and grounds** no report.

**Education report**: no report

**Long Range Planning**: Ken Hickman some discussion regarding the Long Range Plan that has been developing the last few years. He mentioned starting small and maybe a speaker series on a Sunday afternoon would be a good place to start. Nita stated that the exhibit plan portion of the accreditation process is only 1/5 of the process. The 5 core documents of the strategic plan need to be incorporated to get accredited.

**State Fair**: No report.

**Friends of LSEM**: George Bakowski was not present but Lorine Burrell noted that the Friends have not met the last two months, so no update.

**Old Business:** Margaret Green stated that since we are not having Glitz & Grits this year, that there should be a big reception for the new Alligator Exhibit, a Sunday afternoon would be great. There was some open discussion regarding G&G, keeping the brand and what it will do having it the same year as Christmas in the Sky.

**New Business**: Jack Sibley stated that he would contact the Nominating Committee to find some new members and a slate of officers (nominees) for 2020.

**Director’s Report: Nell Shehee** reported on museum events and projects,

**April-June Events**

* Sunday, April 14, 2019 2-4 pm**. *Louisiana: A Paradise for Birds*** Exhibit Opening with 114 visitors.
* Thursday, May 9, 2019 5-7 pm ***Project Talent*** Exhibit Opening with over 500+ attending. This is usually one of the best attended openings.
* Saturday, May 11, 2019 **Ayers Graduation** 8:30 am – 12 noon in the auditorium with about 330 attending.
* Saturday, June 1, 2019 **Goddess of Beauty Pageant** with 128 attending. Rental fee $600.
* Sunday, June 2, 2019 ***Marks In Time: Dyson-Means-Soffer*** Exhibit Opening with 110 attending.
* Friday, June 14, 2019 **Police Academy Graduation** 9am – 12 noon in the auditorium. There was over 300+ attending.
* Sunday, July 7, 2019 ***Excellence in Art: Caddo Art Educators*** Opening with over 200 attending.
* Monday, July 8, 2019 ***Spotlight on Opera*** performance with 148 attending.

**Upcoming Events**

* Sunday, August 4, 2019 2-4 pm Shreveport Art Club Juried Exhibit Opening Reception.
* Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2019 8-12 noon The Greening of the Museum.
* Saturday, February 29, 2020 National History Day.

There was a membership form in the newsletter and 2019 Membership postcards were printed and mailed. We have received 123 Friends memberships for 2019.

Construction has started, trees are down and concrete is up. We were able to keep 2 trees along the walkway that previously were to be cut down.

We have a new Security Service provider – Guardians CCP that started 7-1-19. We were able to retain Lt. McGee and Kimberly George is the other guard who works here.

The Landscape Contract went out for bid again. The first bids were all too high.

Margaret Green made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Geoff Perego**.**

Nell Shehee adjourned the meeting at 12:57

**The Next Scheduled Governing Board Meeting is October 10, 2019 at 12 noon.**